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SUBJECT: BILATERAL ECONOMIC DISCUSSIONS WITH TRINIDAD AND  
TOBAGO

1. US TEAM FOR DISCUSSIONS HELD MEETING THIS MORNING.  
TEAM WILL BE COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS:

RICHARD ARELLANO, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, BUREAU  
OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, TEAM LEADER

EDWARD J. O'CONNOR, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, DIRECT CREDITS  
AND FINANCIAL GUARANTEES, EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

CECIL B. THOMPSON, DEPUTY ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, INTER-  
NATIONAL ENERGY AFFAIRS, FEDERAL ENERGY ADMINISTRATION

B. THOMAS MANSBACH, DIRECTOR FOR LATIN AMERICAN AND  
CARIBBEAN REGION, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, OPIC  
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NICHOLAS E. HOLLIS, DEPUTY COORDINATOR, REIMBURSABLE  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOP-  
MENT

IRWIN M. PIKUS, OFFICE OF TECHNOLOGY POLICY AND SPACE

AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE

CHARLES SCHOTTA, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL  
ENERGY POLICY, DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

JANINA SLATTERY, ACTING CHIEF, GENERAL COMMERCIAL  
POLICY, BUREAU OF ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS,  
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WELDON D. BURSON, CHIEF, TRADE, COMMODITIES AND  
RESOURCES DIVISION, OFFICE OF REGIONAL ECONOMIC  
POLICY, BUREAU OF INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS, DEPART-  
MENT OF STATE

RICHARD ADES, TRADE POLICY SPECIALIST FOR LATIN  
AMERICA, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY,  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

2. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE NAMED THERE MAY BE ONE  
REPRESENTATIVE OF EB BUREAU, AND POSSIBLY ONE FROM  
ARA/CAR. WE PRESUME EMBASSY IS PLANNING TO BE REP-  
RESENTED AT THESE MEETINGS AS WELL.

3. US TEAM PROPOSES FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE  
FOR DISCUSSIONS:

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3 -- MORNING, OPENING PLENARY  
SESSION; AFTERNOON, MEETINGS OF SUBGROUPS ON  
FINANCE, TRADE, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4 -- MORNING, CONTINUED MEETINGS  
OF SUBGROUPS AS ABOVE; AFTERNOON, SUMMARY PLENARY  
SESSIONS.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5 -- MORNING, TRIP TO POINT LISAS;  
AFTERNOON, TRIP TO TOBAGO AND RECEPTION

4. ALL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM WILL BE PRESENT FOR  
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY MEETINGS. ONLY 9 CAN RE-  
MAIN FOR FRIDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES, AND 8 COULD  
PARTICIPATE IN THE TRIP TO TOBAGO. TEAM MEMBERS  
EXCEPT ARELLANO WILL WISH TO RETURN TO PORT OF  
SPAIN FRIDAY NIGHT AS THEY PLAN TO LEAVE ON SAT-  
URDAY MORNING. RICHARD ARELLANO WISHES TO REMAIN  
IN TOBAGO FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS. HE WILL  
RETURN TO PORT OF SPAIN ON SUNDAY AND DEPART MONDAY

MORNING FOR CARACAS. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO MAKE

HOTEL RESERVATIONS TOBAGO FRIDAY AND SATURDAY,  
HOTEL RESERVATION PORT OF SPAIN SUNDAY, AUGUST 7  
AND TRAVEL RESERVATION FROM TOBAGO TO PORT OF SPAIN  
ON SUNDAY.

5. O'CONNOR, HOLLIS AND POSSIBLY ADES WILL HAVE  
ARRIVED BY TUESDAY AFTERNOON AND COULD ATTEND THE  
AIRPORT CEREMONY FOR THE DC-9 ARRIVAL. WE ARE  
NOT ANXIOUS TO EMPHASIZE TEAM PARTICIPATION IN  
DC-9 CEREMONY BUT ARE WILLING TO HAVE SOME MEMBERS  
ATTEND IN COMPANY WITH WHATEVER EMBASSY REPRESENTATION IS PLANNED.

6. HOTEL RESERVATIONS WILL BE REQUIRED AS FOLLOWS:  
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TWO SINGLES FOR MONDAY NIGHT AUGUST 1; 11 SINGLES  
FOR TUESDAY AUGUST 2; 11 SINGLES FOR WEDNESDAY  
AUGUST 3; 10 SINGLES FOR THURSDAY AUGUST 4; 7 SINGLES  
FOR FRIDAY AUGUST 5. PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS AT  
HILTON AT APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT RATE. THE GOTT  
OFFER OF FREE LODGING CANNOT BE ACCEPTED BUT SEVERAL  
DELEGATES HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT ADEQUACY  
OF PER DIEM AND INQUIRED ABOUT HOTEL COSTS.

7. INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBERS HAVE MADE OWN TRAVEL  
ARRANGEMENTS SO ARE ARRIVING AT SCATTERED TIMES.  
WE HAVE ASSUMED THEY WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN PUBLIC  
TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT. IF EMBASSY SEES ANY  
PROBLEM IN THIS WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO CABLE EXACT  
SCHEDULES SO YOU CAN ARRANGE TO MEET.

8. WE WOULD APPRECIATE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE: CONFIRMATION OF  
SCHEDULE PROPOSED PARAGRAPH 3 AND WHATEVER ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON AGENDA YOU CAN DEVELOP. ALSO  
WE REQUESTED BY EARLIER CABLE THAT EMBASSY PREPARE  
BRIEFING PAPER ON STATUS OF PROJECTS LISTED IN  
WILLIAMS' LETTER. WE HAVE ALREADY DISTRIBUTED OTHER  
BRIEFING MATERIALS AND SEVERAL TEAM MEMBERS EXPRESSED  
DESIRE FOR ADDITIONAL MATERIAL ON THESE PROJECTS.  
WILL IT BE POSSIBLE TO PREPARE THIS BRIEFING PAPER  
EITHER FOR DISTRIBUTION HERE OR DISTRIBUTION ON  
TUESDAY EVENING PRIOR TO MEETINGS/

9. REQUEST EMBASSY DESIGNATE A CONTROL OFFICER  
AND REPORT NAME. DEPARTMENT WILL NOTIFY TEAM  
MEMBERS TO CONTACT DESIGNATED OFFICER ON  
ARRIVAL. VANCE  
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